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BRASILIA FOR S/S BODINE, FOR TODMAN FROM LUERS

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:OVIP, JM

SUBJECT:IVP GRANTEES MCNEILL AND BRODERICK CALL ON ARA  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS

1. MESSRS. MCNEILL AND BRODERICK PAID COURTESY CALL ON  
MR. LUERS AFTERNOON OF JUNE 2 DURING WHICH MRS. CARTER'S  
VISIT, CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM, MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION,  
AND URBAN UPGRADING WERE DISCUSSED.

2. CARTER VISIT: MR. LUERS THANKED MCNEILL FOR LUNCHEON  
HE HAD HOSTED IN HONOR OF MRS. VANCE AND ASKED FOR HIS  
VIEWS ON MRS. CARTER'S TRIP. MCNEILL RESPONDED  
ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND SAID HER STAY IN KINGSTON QUOTE WENT  
BRILLIANTLY END QUOTE AND THAT MANLEY WAS VERY, VERY  
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PLEASED. HE SAID THAT MRS. CARTER'S WARMTH, SENSITIVITY,  
AND POLITICAL ACUMEN WERE MANIFESTLY EVIDENT IN HER PUBLIC  
APPEARANCES. MCNEILL ADDED THAT THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT HAS  
QUOTE ABSOLUTE RESPECT END QUOTE FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRA-  
TION AND THAT THE OPPOSITION SHARES THIS VIEW. BRODERICK  
AGREED THIS WAS CORRECT.

3. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM: MCNEILL EXPLAINED THAT MANLEY DOES NOT BELIEVE THE PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM ACCURATELY REFLECTS JAMAICAN DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE IN RECENT YEARS THE EXECUTIVE HAS TENDED TO DOMINATE

THE PARLIAMENT IN JAMAICA HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE ROLE OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN DEVELOPING LEGISLATION. MCNEILL ASKED ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND MR. LUERS PROVIDED HIM AN OVERVIEW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS AND THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND CONGRESS. MCNEILL SAID HIS GROUP IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF A UNICAMERAL PARLIAMENT AND HE HOPES TO VISIT NEBRASKA TO STUDY A UNICAMERAL SYSTEM FIRST HAND.

4. MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION: MCNEILL INDICATED THAT GOJ IS MOVING IN DIRECTION OF DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND IS STUDYING INTERNATIONAL TREATIES IN THIS REGARD. HE DESCRIBED THE USE OF MARIJUANA AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF JAMAICAN CULTURE AND ESTIMATED THAT THIRTY PERCENT OF POPULATION SMOKES THE WEED. MR. LUERS EXPLAINED THE CURRENT TREND OF U.S. LEGISLATION IN THIS MATTER WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

5. URBAN UPGRADING: MCNEILL CHARACTERIZED THE PLIGHT OF JAMAICA'S URBAN POOR AS QUOTE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE HAVE END QUOTE AND SAID THAT TRADITIONAL BULLDOZER APPROACH TO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT WAS UNIFORMLY UNSUCCESSFUL. HE SAID GOJ'S FIRST PRIORITY IS TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF TENURE TO

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THOSE NOW LIVING ON LEASED LAND, APPROXIMATELY A QUARTER MILLION, THROUGH LAND ACQUISITION AND RESALE UNDER LAND BONDS LAW. MCNEILL SAID ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PROBLEMS OF CROWDING AND HEALTH IN THESE HIGHLY CONGESTED AREAS THE NETWORK OF SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BINDING THESE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IS WORTH PRESERVING. MCNEILL EXPECTS GOJ TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS AREA IN COMING YEAR. VANCE

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